

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 6-13 and 21-23 are pending. Claims 1, 6 and 12 have been amended. Claims 3-5 and 14-20 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102

The Patent Office rejected Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bradshaw et al., United States Publication 2003/0182422 (Bradshaw).

Applicant respectfully traverses; however, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 17, consequently, the rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office stated claims 21-23 were allowed. The Patent Office further stated claims 5 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Patent Office for indication of allowed claims and allowable subject matter. Applicant understood that the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter given by the Patent Office at Page 2 of the Office Action of June 6, 2006 were made in accordance with the following instruction per MPEP § 1302.14:

“The statement is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth.”

CONCLUSION

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. In the event the indication of allowability is withdrawn, applicants reserve the right to amend the claims back to the original form for further prosecution, without prejudice, disclaimer or estoppel. In the event that issues arise in the application that may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (402) 496-0300 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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